

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2019

The Regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown was held in the Main Meeting Room in the Municipal Building.

PRESENT: Mayor Stephen Benowitz
Deputy Mayor Eugene Fuzy
Committeeman Eric Holliday
Committeeman James Kostoplis
Committeeman Ken Mason
Administrator Michael Theokas
Attorney David Serlin
Chief Financial Officer Jeffrey Elsasser
Deputy Township Clerk Cindy Dziura

ABSENT: Attorney Eileen Fahey

Mayor Benowitz called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. and led a salute to the flag and a moment of silence.

Deputy Township Clerk Dziura read the following Open Public Meeting Announcement:

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting was provided in the following manner:

On January 7, 2019, advance written notice of this meeting was posted on the bulletin board opposite the main entrance to the meeting room in the Municipal Building; was emailed to the BURLINGTON COUNTY TIMES and THE TIMES; was filed with the Clerk of Bordentown Township; and was mailed to all persons who requested and paid for such notice.

The proceedings of this meeting, which are open to the public, are being electronically recorded and will act as the minutes of the meeting in conjunction with the abbreviated form of the minutes. Requisite minutes are kept for all meetings, whether open or closed to the public.

At this time, Committeeman Holliday made the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown that it does hereby recess this Regular Meeting to meet in Closed Session for the purpose of discussing:

- Affordable Housing Contract Negotiations
- Potential Litigation
- Potential Environmental Litigation
- Personnel Matter

Keyboarding Clerk I

It is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Township Committee that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality; seconded by Committeeman Kostoplis.

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AYE: Committeeman Holliday, Committeeman Kostoplis, Committeeman Mason, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

The Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown recessed their regular meeting at approximately 6:33 pm and reconvened the regular meeting at approximately 7:30 pm.

Mayor's Proclamation recognizing Black History Month. At this time, Mayor Benowitz read the Proclamation into the record.

Mayor's Proclamation recognizing Eagle Scout Henry Francis. At this time, Mayor Benowitz read the Proclamation into the record.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

Deputy Clerk Dziura stated that as a result of Closed Session, Resolution #2019-77 is being added to the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution #2019-72 entitled APPROVING THE TRANSACTION OF ITEMS OF ROUTINE BUSINESS: PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Resolution #2019-73 entitled APPROVING THE TRANSACTION OF ITEMS OF ROUTINE BUSINESS: MINUTES OF MEETINGS.

Resolution #2019-74 entitled AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES.

Resolution #2019-75 entitled RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN AUTHORIZING REFUND OF DEVELOPER'S ESCROW ACCOUNT BALANCES.

Resolution #2019-76 entitled RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ASSESSING LIEN UPON DWELLINGS OR LANDS FOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:48-1.14.

Resolution #2019-77 entitled RESOLUTION APPOINTING NICOLE BENCIVENGO AS FULL-TIME KEYBOARDING CLERK I IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND AMENDING RESOLUTION #2016-292-11 AS AS-NEEDED ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER.

Township Committee review and discussion of Consent Agenda Items Resolutions #2019-72 through #2019-77. There were no questions/comments on the Consent Agenda.

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At this time, Deputy Mayor Fuzy made a motion to open to the public the consent agenda items; seconded by Committeeman Holliday.

AYE: Committeeman Holliday, Committeeman Kostoplis, Committeeman Mason, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

Seeing no comments, Committeeman Mason made a motion to close to the public; seconded by Deputy Mayor Fuzy.

AYE: Committeeman Holliday, Committeeman Kostoplis, Committeeman Mason, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

At this time, Committeeman Mason made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda; seconded by Committeeman Holliday.

AYE: Committeeman Holliday, Committeeman Kostoplis, Committeeman Mason, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

Public Hearing on Ordinance #2019-01 entitled REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,270,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS OF THE TOWNSHIP TO REFUND CERTAIN OUTSTANDING BONDS DESCRIBED HEREIN, AND APPROPRIATING THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH REFUNDING BONDS TO SUCH PURPOSE.

At this time, Committeeman Holliday made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance #2019-01; seconded by Deputy Mayor Fuzy.

AYE: Committeeman Holliday, Committeeman Kostoplis, Committeeman Mason, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

Seeing no public comment, Deputy Mayor Fuzy made a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance #2019-01; seconded by Committeeman Holliday.

AYE: Committeeman Holliday, Committeeman Kostoplis, Committeeman Mason, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance #2019-01 entitled REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,270,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS OF THE TOWNSHIP TO REFUND CERTAIN OUTSTANDING BONDS DESCRIBED HEREIN, AND APPROPRIATING THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH REFUNDING BONDS TO SUCH PURPOSE.

At this time, Committeeman Holliday made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2019-01; seconded by Deputy Mayor Fuzy.

AYE: Committeeman Holliday, Committeeman Kostoplis, Committeeman Mason, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

Consideration of Introduction of Ordinance #2019-02 entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 2008-23 REGARDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING FEES.

At this time, Committeeman Holliday made a motion to introduce Ordinance #2019-02: seconded by Committeeman Kostoplis.

AYE: Committeeman Holliday, Committeeman Kostoplis, Committeeman Mason, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

DEPUTY TOWNSHIP CLERK DZIURA: The public hearing will be February 25th.

Consideration of Introduction of Ordinance #2019-03 entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY; CANCELLING CERTAIN APPROPRIATION BALANCES IN THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$1,380,152.07 AND RE-APPROPRIATING A PORTION OF SAID FUNDS FOR OTHER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT AND TRANSFERRING A PORTION OF SAID FUNDS TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND. (By Title Only)

At this time, Committeeman Mason made a motion to introduce Ordinance #2019-03: seconded by Committeeman Holliday.

AYE: Committeeman Holliday, Committeeman Kostoplis, Committeeman Mason, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

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DEPUTY TOWNSHIP CLERK DZIURA: The public hearing will be February 25th.

ADMINISTRATOR AND STAFF REPORTS

Administrator Theokas said that in regard to Resolution #2019-75, there will be similar upcoming resolutions. CFO Elsasser, Marcie Maute of the Community Development Office, and he have been cleaning up old escrow accounts that had balances from old projects. Letters have been sent out, and if money has not been claimed, these monies will go to the State of New Jersey unclaimed property.

CFO Elsasser and he have been working with Department Heads on the 2019 Budget. The Annual Financial Statement should be completed this week. A short budget overview discussion will be held in regular session at the next Township Committee meeting on February 25, 2019. They are hoping to introduce the Budget at the March 11, 2019 meeting, and tentatively adopt on April 8, 2019. This budget discussion will also serve as the Township Committee's meeting discussion on goals.

The Public Works Department is working with the Police Department on tonight's expected bad weather.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committeeman Kostoplis, Committeeman Holliday, Committeeman Mason, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, and Mayor Benowitz each gave their report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: At this time, Deputy Mayor Fuzy made a motion to open the meeting for public participation; seconded by Committeeman Holliday.

AYE: Committeeman Holliday, Committeeman Kostoplis, Committeeman Mason, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

JIM CANN: 23 Georgetown Road: Mr. Cann said he is a Fire Commissioner for Fire District #2. He spoke on their behalf about tax abatements, and said he thought other entities (the fire districts) in the Township received their share of the funds. He expressed the importance of the fire companies and their service to the community. The commercial warehouse district is where most of the tax abatements are, and they would like the fire districts to get some of these tax monies. This money would be used to replace an old ladder truck, and the District #2 building is 50 years old. He offered his assistance and asked the Township Committee to consider this in the 2019 budget. Administrator Theokas stated that there has been discussion in the State of legislature about of PILOT and Abatement disbursement. Mr. Cann that this is in the future, and he would like his request to be considered this year.

Seeing no further comments, Committeeman Holliday made a motion to close the meeting to the public; seconded by Deputy Mayor Fuzy.

AYE: Committeeman Holliday, Committeeman Kostoplis, Committeeman Mason, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

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NAY: None

ADDITIONAL MATTERS: None

At this time, Committeeman Holliday made the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown that it does hereby adjourn the regular meeting; seconded by Committeeman Kostoplis.

AYE: Committeeman Holliday, Committeeman Kostoplis, Committeeman Mason, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

The Regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown was adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

CYNTHIA DZIURA, RMC, DEP. TOWNSHIP CLERK